General York I immediately decided to issue an address to the nation, which will be out to-morrow, and to raise an extraordinary levy. I have formed a corps of observation of the Elbe which is concentrating at Hamburg, and will have a strength of 60 battalions; I have given the command to General Lauriston. I have formed a corps of observation in Italy, which is concentrating at Verona, and that will have a strength of 40 battalions; I have given the command to General Bertrand. I have formed a first corps of observation of the army of the Rhine, of 60 battalions, commanded by the Duke of Ragusa, whose headquarters will be at Mainz. I shall form a 2d corps of observation of the Rhine, which will also have 60 battalions. I am calling to the colours 100,000 conscripts left over from 1810, so that we shall have men of over 21 years of age. The conscription of 1814 will give us 150,000 men, and will be levied some time in February.

18th. The Emperor of Russia has just appointed Baron von Stein Minister of State; he admits him to his inmost councils, together with all the men who want to revolutionize Germany.

22d. (To Prince Eugene.) My son: Assume the command of the Grand Army. I regret I did not give it you when I left. I am persuaded that your retirement would have been less rapid, and that I should not have suffered such heavy losses. Past evils are without remedy.

23d. (To Vice-Admiral Count Decres.) I cannot bring myself to a reduction of my naval armaments; I am not so situated as to weigh 12 or 15 millions against the moral effect that such a retrenchment would produce on my navy and on our enemies.